administration, health work, arranging for agricultural demonstrations, and supply of agricultural implements. As I said already, these are not deliberative councils but committees meant for expeditious despatch of departmental work. Hence within the existing limited scope of the committee, non-officials cannot be very useful.

Mr. N. G. SANJEEVIAH.—In the absence of such non-officials, has not the quality of work done by the officers suffered ?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—The hon. the Second Member of Council has explained the object of the committee. It is purely an executive committee of officers who are intimately connected with the work. Enlarging the scope of the committee is quite a different matter.

Mr. N. G. SANJEEVIAH.—Is it not a fact that the places selected for the work are not quite suitable for the purpose and that the money spent is a waste ?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—That point does not arise out of the main question.

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA.—Is it not necessary to have the District Board Presidents on the committee ?

Mr. N. MADHAVA RAU.—It is not a committee in the real sense of the term. It is merely a meeting of officers for comparing the data collected, verifying notes, etc. These officers do take the co-operation of the District Board Presidents in vital matters such as provision of drinking water wells, vaccination, etc.

Rural Reconstruction.

Q.—52. **Sri. D. SAKAMMA** (Special Interests).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Government are going to constitute a central committee or separate committees in connection with proposed intensive rural reconstruction work in selected villages ;

(*b*) whether the Government will have women to serve on such committees ?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatanaranappa).**—

(*a*) An informal committee will be constituted for each revenue subdivision.

(*b*) The committee is comprised of officials only.

Mr. Bagamane DEVA GOWDA.—Are not the Government aware that in Kempanahalli, for want of non-officials on the standing committee, the work has been stopped before completion ?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—There is the village panchayet to look after the work. If, in this particular case, there is any discrepancy, we shall inquire.

Mr. Bagamane DEVA GOWDA.—Is there any objection to have some non-officials including a lady on the committee ?

The SECOND MEMBER (Rajamantrapravina N. Madhava Rau).—Then what is the village panchayet for ?

Mr. Bagamane DEVA GOWDA.—The village panchayet is not taken into confidence.

Mr. N. MADHAVA RAU.—But the work is got done by the village panchayet.

Mr. T. MARIYAPPA.—Is it not desirable to have a local committee to lay down a programme of works to be done ?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—There are about 300 and odd villages selected. If there should be a separate committee for each village, the whole scheme may fall through. Therefore it is that there is only one working committee.

Mr. T. MARIYAPPA.—At least in chalking out the programme, should not local people be consulted ?

Mr. N. MADHAVA RAU.—The entire panchayet is there and local influential people are there. They themselves will tell the officers what they want.

New Labour Colony at Srirampur.

Q.—54. **Mr. T. RAMACHANDRA** (Special Interests).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) how many houses have been constructed in the New Labour Colony at Srirampur, Bangalore ;

(*b*) how many houses have been occupied, and what is the rent charged for each house ;

(*c*) what arrangement has been made for the provision of houses to many more who are still in the Labourers' Pit, Malleswaram, and who are also living in miserable huts in Seshadripuram Mango Tope, Mysore Mill huts, Jewell Filters' huts, etc.; does the Municipality contemplate constructing more houses ; if so, how many and when are they expected to be ready ;

(*d*) (i) has any representation been made by the Telugu labourers in the Labourers' Pit, Malleswaram, to the Bangalore City Municipal Commissioner to acquire for them some land near Malleswaram ; (ii) if so, what action has been taken and when will the said land be acquired and given to the labourers ;

(*e*) (i) is there no compulsory rule to take permission before the huts or houses are constructed within the municipal limits ; (ii) if there is, has permission been granted to the owners of these huts ?

A.—The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. B. T. Kesavaiengar).—

(*a*) 250.

(*b*) 228, Rs. 2-8-0 per month.

(*c*) The municipality will take up the question of providing more houses for the labourers when funds are available.

(*d*) (i) Yes.

(ii) The matter is under consideration.

(*e*) (i) Yes.

(ii) Yes.

Mr. C. N. NARASINGA RAO.—With reference to answer (*c*), have the Government no responsibility in the matter and should the entire work be undertaken by the municipality ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—The responsibility of the municipality is greater.

Mr. C. N. NARASINGA RAO.—Will not the Government help the municipality financially ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—If there be any suggestions in the matter, they will be considered.

Mr. C. N. NARASINGA RAO.—Are not the Government aware that the municipality has asked for a loan of Rs. 20 lakhs ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Yes.

Mr. C. N. NARASINGA RAO.—Will a portion of this amount be utilised for building houses ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—If the municipality sends up a recommendation in the matter, it will be considered.

Mr. C. N. NARASINGA RAO.—Cannot the Government compel the mill authorities to contribute funds for building houses for labourers ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Legislation will be necessary for compulsion.

Mr. PRESIDENT.—You know the existing difficulties. If you can persuade the mill authorities in the matter, we shall also be glad.

Mr. M. A. GOPALASWAMI IYENGAR.—It is stated that the rental charged for each house is Rs. 2-8-0. How does it work out on the capital invested ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—We have not calculated it. You should give notice.

Mr. P. MURUGESAM PILLAY.—Will the Government grant free sites to labourers if they undertake to form a colony and build houses at their own cost ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—The question will be considered if recommendations are duly sent up.

Service Conditions under Municipalities.

Q.—55. Mr. T. RAMACHANDRA (Special Interests).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) what are the schemes adopted and submitted to Government by the Bangalore City Municipal Council for bettering the service conditions of the sweepers and scavengers in the municipality with regard to the grant of maternity benefit, leave and gratuity ;

(*b*) what orders have Government passed on the above resolutions of the Municipal Council ;

(*c*) have any orders been passed by the Government for the grant of